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By: Facsimile – 760-741-9548

Mr. Richard D. Ackerman
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Dear Mr. Ackerman:

Per your request, the Standing Committee will meet April 15 at 10 a.m. in the U.S. Capitol to reconsider your client WorldNetDaily's application for press accreditation. You and your client will have an opportunity to give an opening statement.

WorldNetDaily's application was denied under Standing Committee rules and policies adopted under Rule 6 of the House of Representatives and Rule 33 of the Senate and set forth in the Rules Governing the Press Galleries, Requirements Listed on the Gallery Application for Accreditation and the 1996 Statement of Policy on Internet Publications.

The committee would find it most helpful if you would present facts and argument relevant to the following:

1. The committee's finding that Worldnetdaily does not provide "daily news with significant original reporting content" (1996 Internet Policy) as distinct from links to other news organizations, or promotions for books, videos or merchandise.
2. The determination that Worldnetdaily is not separate and independent from the Western Journalism Center and therefore is in conflict with Rule 4(b) of the Gallery Rules and Application Requirements.

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Please be advised that neither formal judicial discovery nor the Freedom of Information Act applies to the Standing Committee. However, in response to your request for materials used by the committee in its deliberations, please find the attached list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Frank Wiggins".

N. Frank Wiggins
Counsel to the Standing Committee

The following documents were used in consideration of the Worldnetdaily's application.

Paul Sperry's application for gallery membership along with cover letter and attachment

Emails linking to Worldnetdaily.com and Paul Sperry's archive.

Emails from Paul Sperry containing BusinessWeek.com article and links to Paul Sperry's archive.

Members of the committee looked at Worldnetdaily.com online during 2001.

Western Journalism Center IRS Form 1099 for years 1998, 1999, 2000 as published on Guidestar.org

``On the Web, Small and Focused Pays Off'' BusinessWeek, Aug. 28 2001

Top9.com printout of email from David Kupelian to Paul Sperry showing Worldnetdaily ranked 2,105th on the web overall with 461,000 unique visitors.

Western Journalism Center website. Mission Statement, About WJC, Frequently Asked Questions, and Secure On-line Donations pages. www.westernjournalism.org, May 22, 2001.

``Journalism center sues IRS. Nonprofit organization seeks documents on Clinton-era audits'' Worldnetdaily.com April 25, 2001

``WND's 4th anniversary' Worldnetdaily.com, May 4, 2001

``Happy anniversary, WorldNetDaily! In 4 years, cyber-experiment grows into top independent newssite'' Worldnetdaily.com, May 5, 2001

``If pigs could fly...'' Paul Sperry commentary. Worldnetdaily.com, Sept. 27, 2001

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``Special Message from Larry Klayman'' Judicial Watch press release April 8, 2001.

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``Over 60 Major Judicial Watch Victories'' Judicial Watch press release June 26, 2001

`New editor for `Sacramento Union ' ' USA Today July 13, 1990

``Doing the RIGHT thing - The Sacramento Union's new look' California Journal April 1, 1991

``Ninth Circuit Rejects Conservative Group's Suit Over IRS Audit'' Metropolitan News-Enterprise; Capitol News Service Dec. 21, 2000

``Analysis: Experts weigh in on Iraqi Playstations'' UPI Dec. 27, 2000

``Special Message from Larry Klayman'' Judicial Watch press release April 8, 2001.

``Over 60 Major Judicial Watch Victories'' Judicial Watch press release June 26, 2001

``Clinton, Conspiracism, and the Continuing Culture War. Western Journalism Center - Joseph Farah'' www.publiceye.org undated

``Conservative Foundations Fund Promotion of Foster Conspiracy Theories'' Philanthropy News Digest, Vol. 1 Issue 13, April 5, 1995

``Richard Mellon Scaife Funds the New Right, Profile'' Philanthropy News Digest, Vol. 1, Issue 41, Oct. 18, 1995

``At Sacramento Union, A Conservative Bent'' The Washington Post, Oct. 24, 1990

Western Journalism Center profile by The Atlantic List Company, Arlington, Va. Undated

``The Vince Foster Factory and `Courage in Journalism' ' ' The Columbia Journalism Review, March/April 1996